



### Personal info

Full name

**RYAN, Robert W**

Date of birth

**1920**

Age

**unknown**

Place of birth

**Indiana**

Hometown

**Marion County, Indiana**

### Military service

Service number

**15084322**

Rank

**Sergeant**

Unit

**452nd Bombardment Squadron,  
322nd Bombardment Group, Medium**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**9 November 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Lorraine**

Plot	Row	Grave
A	29	48

## Immediate family

### Members

**Thomas Ryan (father)**  
**Marie Ryan (mother)**  
**Doris Ryan (sister)**  
**William Ryan (brother)**  
**Thomas Ryan (brother)**  
**Donald Ryan (brother)**  
**Wayne Ryan (brother)**  
**Patrick Ryan (brother)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**43-34146**

### Data

**Type: B-26G-01**  
**Nickname: Sarah E**  
**Destination: Landau, Germany**  
**MACR: 10180**

## More information

Robert W. Ryan graduated from Arsenal Technical High School and worked for the General Motors Corporation as a mechanic.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of Army of the United States at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana on 2 January 1942.

The mission was to bomb a target at Landau. The records available doesn't specify the type of target. The secondary target was a bridge in Trier.

According to a statement of 1st Lt James H. McCarty, who was flying another B-26 in the same group, they flew into an overcast when they returned from the secondary target and encountered severe icing conditions. In the vicinity of Nancy, France, his airplane went into a spiral, due to the icing. He managed to pull out of it and called the other group members to hear if they were alright. All crews responded except the subject B-26. It was not sighted again.

The entire crew of six men was killed.

A monument at the forest commemorates the crew.

Capt Robert R. Hall was first buried at the Temporary American Military Cemetery of Limey, France.

## Photos



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